(a) the details of amount spent on beautification of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during the last three years and till 30th June, 2002 together with details fo various heads under which the expenditure has been incurred;

(b) whether open tenders were not invited for the different works executed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to invite open tenders for different works tc be completed in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No money has been spent of beautification of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during the last three years and till 30th June, 2002 by the CPWD.

Cancer Control

461. SHRI K.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing incidence of cancer in the country, particularly amongst women;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to contain, control and prevent cancer;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set-up more Cancer Research Centres and Units in hospitals across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal for financial assistance to poor cancer patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The data from Population Based Cancer Registries functioning under the National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR does not indicate any increase in incidence rate of cancers of all sites considered together.

(b) Under the National Cancer Control Programme this Ministry is implementing various schemes aimed at creating awareness among the

people and for facilitating treatment and research activities. The details of these schemes may be seen at Statement-I. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) This Ministry has recognized 19 Regional Cancer Centres in different States/UTs to render treatment alongwith Research Activities. A list of these RCC is given at Statement-II. (*See* below) Other States/ UTs are also proposed to be covered @ one RCC each as and when proposals are received.

(e) This Ministry has a scheme neamely national Illness Assistance Fund under which financial assistance is provided to poor people suffering from serious diseases such as Cancer, Cardiac problems, and Renal disorders which require treatment in a superspeciality hospital and involves heavy expenditure normally beyond the means of a large number of people who are living below the poverty line.

Statement-I

NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAMME

Development of Oncology Wing

This scheme is available only for Government Medical Colleges to fill up the geographical gaps in the detection and treatment of cancer in the country. Financial assistance up to Rs. 2.00 crores is provided to an Institute under the scheme for purchase of listed equipments. This is a one-time grant.

Setting up of Cobalt Therapy Unit

Financial assistance up to Rs. 1.50 crore is provided to State Government for setting up of Cobalt Therapy Unit in Government institutions. This is a one-time grant.

An amount of Rs. 1.00 crore is also provided for Cobalt Therapy Unit to the Non-Governmental Organisations on the specific recommendations of the State Government. This is one-time grant.

The Mammography equipment has also been included under the scheme for setting up of Cobalt Therapy Unit. A Central assistance up to Rs. 30.00 lakhs is provided to those Institutions/Organisations who have the facilities for treatment of cancer patients and has well-equipped Radiotherapy Department. This is also a one-time grant.

District Cancer Control Programme

A scheme for district project (duration-five years) for health education, detection and pain relief measures under National Cancer Control Programme was initiated during the year 1990-91. In this scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 15.00 lakhs is provided to the State Government/UT administration for each district selected under the scheme with a provision of Rs. 10.00 lakhs per annum for each district for the remaining four years of the project period. After five years, the project is to be taken over by the State Government.

Voluntary Organisation Scheme

The scheme upto Rs.5.00 lakhs is provided to the Voluntary Organisations for undertaking health education and early detection activities in cancer on the specific recommendations of the State Government.

Regional Cancer Centres

This Ministry has recognized 19 Regional Cancer Centres in different States/UTs. The Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata and Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital (IRCH), AIIMS, New Delhi have got a different funding pattern. Remaining RCCs are paid an amount of 75.00 lakhs annually. These RCCs extend treatment facilities and conduct research in the field of Cancer.

Statement-II

List of RCC

Kamla Nehru Memorial Hospital, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal	Gujarat Cancer Research Institute, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
Kidwai Memorial Instt. of Oncology, Bangalore, Karnataka	MNJ Institute of Oncology, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

Regional Cancer Institute (WIA),

Adyar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer, Centre for Cancer Research & Treatment, Cuttack, Orissa

Regional Cancer Control Society,
Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Cancer Hospital & Research Centre,
Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Indian Rotary Cancer Institute, (AIIMS), New Delhi

R.S.T. Hospital & Research Centre,
Nagpur, Maharashtra

Pt. J.N.M. Medical College,
Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Pondicherry Regional Cancer Society,

JIPMER, Pondicherry.
Dr. B.B. Cancer Institute,
Guwahati, Assam.

Tata Memorial Hospital
Mumbai, Maharashtra

Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Science, Patna, Bihar

Acharya Tulsi Regional Cancer Trust & Research Institute (RCC) Bikaner, Rajasthan

Regional Cancer Centre, Pt. B.D. Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences,
Rohtak, Haryana

Implementation of Blindness Control Programme

462. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for control of blindness for the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 under the National Programme for Control of Blindness;

(b) whether the targets were achieved during the said years; and

(c) the strategy to meet the shortfalls in the implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Details of cataract